

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Group Art Unit: 1621

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR HYDROLYTICALLY  
OBTAINING A CARBOXYLIC ACID AND ALCOHOL  
FROM THE CORRESPONDING CARBOXYLIC ESTER

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2006, thereby extending the time period within which to respond to April 21, 2007.

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 21, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: